

JUN 04 2004

OFFICE OF PETITIONS

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application Serial No. .... 09/465,492  
Filing Date ..... December 16, 1999  
Inventor..... Segal, Vladimir et al  
Assignee..... Honeywell International Inc.  
Group Art Unit..... 1742  
Examiner ..... Wilkens, Harry D.  
Attorney's Docket No. .... 30-5004(4015)  
Title: Sputtering Targets Formed from Cast Materials

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO ACCOMPANY RCE FILING**

To:           Mail Stop 313(c)  
              Commissioner for Patents  
              P.O. Box 1450  
              Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

From:       Jennifer J. Taylor, Ph.D. (Tel. 509-624-4276; Fax 509-838-3424)  
              Wells St. John P.S.  
              601 W. First Avenue, Suite 1300  
              Spokane, WA 99201-3828

**AMENDMENTS**

**Introductory Comments**

This preliminary amendment accompanies a petition to withdraw from issue and request for continued examination of the application. Applicant remarks as follows.